

MTA - 3001

4 January 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service  
THROUGH : Chief, Operations Group  
SUBJECT : Monthly Report--Tel Aviv Bureau--December 1982

I. GENERAL

The Bureau was evacuated twice in December due to bomb threats to the Embassy. On 21 December and again on 23 December we closed the Bureau and waited outside while the Marines and Police Bomb squad searched the building. Both threats turned out to be hoaxes.

In other unsettling news, the Tel Aviv District police commander announced over Jerusalem radio that, according to intelligence reports, terrorists were targeting population centers in the greater Tel Aviv area. This was in reaction to a bomb explosion on an Egged Bus in Herzliya on 14 December. Another bomb was also discovered and dismantled in Petah Tiqva on 17 December. No Bureau employees were involved in either incident.

As reported in the JERUSALEM POST on 16 December, the Consumer Price Index in Israel for November rose 6.5 percent. Depending on the December figures, that would put overall inflation for 1982 at or over the previous record inflation of 133 percent in 1980.

By special request of the Embassy Media Relations Officer, on 30 December the Bureau telexed all Israeli source material on the Lebanese-Israeli talks being held that day in Qiryat Shemona directly to the U.S. delegation to the talks. At a country team meeting on 3 January, the press spokesman for the U.S. delegation, the Embassy Public Affairs Officer, and the Ambassador all expressed appreciation for the effort.

In Christmas news, [redacted] worked hard one day to decorate our door for the Embassy Christmas door contest. We won two awards, a second place for "Most Beautiful" door, and a third place for "Best Executed." The Bureau Chief hosted a Christmas Day dinner party for the Bureau with visiting Gulf Bureau Chief [redacted] who was passing through on his R&R trip, as the guest of honor. Austria Bureau was also represented at the party by [redacted]. The highlight of the dinner, attended by almost all Bureau employees, was this poem in honor of the former Tel Aviv Deputy Chief, composed and read by Hebrew Monitor [redacted]

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If you would work with [redacted]  
You must learn all the rules;  
When using words, a danger lurks  
To trip up verbal fools;

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There are no topics here, you know,  
It's issues that we use;  
Opinions are a big no-no,  
We only speak of views;

Allowed's a word that's never right,  
Permitted is the term;  
We can't be worried in the night,  
But can express concern;

And when you've learned what's right and wrong,  
And feel you're sailing plain,  
Another editor comes along  
And you must start again.

II. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

HEBREW SECTION

The major story in December was the start up of the talks with Lebanon over Israeli troop withdrawal, security arrangements for Israel and some sort of discussion on future relations.

After a seeming impasse following U.S. Ambassadors Habib and Draper's negotiations with both sides, and the disclosure of secret talks between Israeli Defense Minister Sharon and unnamed Lebanese officials, the talks finally began on 28 December in the Lebanese town of Khaldah, followed by a second round on 30 December in Qiryat Shemona. At the end of the month, neither side could agree on a joint agenda for the talks. Public worker strikes also increased in Israel in December. Strikes on 7, 8 December, and again on 29, 30 December resulted in the restriction of radio and TV broadcasts to news bulletins only. All other programming was canceled. On both occasions the strikes were over pay raises. In addition, the Bureau put two new publications on trial scrutiny: A new Hebrew weekly partly owned by DAVAR called KOTERET RASHIT, and a new Palestinian biweekly published in Jerusalem, in Hebrew, called AL-FAJR AL-'ARABI.

#### TURKISH SECTION

So that the BBC Turkish monitor could take Annual Leave, the Bureau's Turkish section picked up coverage of Moscow in Turkish from 13 to 18 December.

#### CRUISING SECTION

In response to a request from FCS, the Bureau cruising monitor was busy this month trying to figure out the somewhat entangled Arabic press agencies QNA, WAKH and WAM. In addition, preliminary steps were taken to set up a cruising survey for Vienna Bureau late this winter or early spring.

### III. ADMINISTRATION

#### A. Personnel

New teletypist trainee  entered on  
duty on 30 November.

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Teletypist  resigned effective 4 December.

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IV. VISITS

Vienna Bureau Editor  visited the Bureau  
on 28 December.

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 Chief, Tel Aviv Bureau

- ATTACHMENTS:
- a. Production Report
  - b. Communications Report
  - c. Engineering Report

ATTACHMENT C

ENGINEERING REPORT -- TEL AVIV BUREAU MONTHLY REPORT FOR DECEMBER 1982

EQUIPMENT RECEIVED : None

EQUIPMENT TRANSFERRED : None

PROJECTS : General maintenance and repairs

TEL AVIV BUREAU PRODUCTION REPORT FOR DECEMBER 1982ATTACHMENT AI. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH : 403,800  
 TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH : 96,600  
 TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH : 1,196

	<u>BROADCASTS</u>	<u>PRESS AGENCIES</u>	<u>PUBLICATIONS</u>
II. <u>INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE:</u> (minutes or issues per week)	7,233 min.	10,590 min.	53 issues

 III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:  
 (publishable words per month)

## CLANDESTINE

(Clandestine) National Voice of Iran in Persian to Iran	9,600
(Clandestine) Voice of Iranian Kordestan in Persian to Iran	0
(Clandestine) Bayrak Radio in English to Cyprus	3,600
(Clandestine) Bayrak Radio in Turkish to Cyprus	5,100
(Clandestine) Our Radio in Turkish to Turkey	1,500
(Clandestine) Voice of Turkish Communist Party in Turkish to Europe and Turkey	10,200

## ISRAEL

Jerusalem Domestic Service in English	10,500	
Jerusalem Domestic Service in Hebrew	98,600	
Jerusalem Domestic Television Service in Hebrew	13,200	
Tel Aviv IDF Radio in Hebrew	17,300	
Tel Aviv ITIM in Hebrew		15,100
Jerusalem GOVERNMENT PRESS OFFICE in English		6,400
Jerusalem THE JERUSALEM POST in English		34,300
Tel Aviv 'AL HAMISHMAR in Hebrew		3,900
Tel Aviv DAVAR in Hebrew		17,000

	BROADCASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLICATIONS
ISRAEL (cont'd)			
Tel Aviv HA'ARETZ in Hebrew			31,200
Tel Aviv HATZOFE in Hebrew			1,900
Tel Aviv MA'ARIV in Hebrew			58,000
Tel Aviv YEDI'OT AHARONOT in Hebrew			5,000
Tel Aviv HA'OLAM HAZE in Hebrew			200
Tel Aviv BEMAHANE in Hebrew			6,800
Tel Aviv YOMAN HASHAVU'A in Hebrew			2,700
Jerusalem KOTERET RASHIT in Hebrew			1,200
Jerusalem AL-FAJR AL-'ARABI in Hebrew			800
LEBANON			
Marj 'Uyun Lebanon Voice of Hope in English	0		
Marj 'Uyun Lebanon Voice of Hope in Arabic	1,700		
TURKEY			
Ankara Domestic Service in Turkish	31,600		
Ankara ANATOLIA in Turkish		1,200	
Ankara ANATOLIA in English		13,700	
Ankara ANATOLIA in French		400	
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UNITED KINGDOM			
London BBC World Service in English	100		
USSR			
Moscow in Dari to Afghanistan	800		
Moscow Radio Peace and Progress in Hebrew to Israel	0		

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TEL AVIV BUREAU MONTHLY COMMUNICATIONS REPORT FOR DECEMBER 1982      ATTACHMENT B

1.    TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED WAS      403,800 (392,100)  
      TOTAL NONPUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED WAS    96,600 ( 97,900)  
      DAILY WORDAGE FILED AVERAGED                16,141 ( 16,333)  
      HIGHEST DAILY WORDAGE FILED WAS 29,260 ON 10 DECEMBER  
      LOWEST DAILY WORDAGE FILED WAS    5,050 ON 18 DECEMBER
  
2.    OUTAGES ON OUTGOING SKYMUX CIRCUIT TOTALED 4.25 HOURS, 0.8 PERCENT.  
      OUTAGES ON INCOMING SKYMUX CIRCUIT TOTALED 4.25 HOURS, 0.8 PERCENT.  
      EXTENDED OUTAGES:      NONE
  
3.    WORDS FILED VIA TELEX DURING OUTAGES OF THE SKYMUX CIRCUIT: None (None)

NB.   Figures from preceding month in parentheses.